

Table 41. Most important resource used and length of time taken to find first career path job for recent doctoral recipients, by field of doctorate: 1997

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| Resource and length of time | Field of doctorate | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| | All fields | Computer and mathematical sciences | Biological and agricultural sciences | Health sciences | Physical and related sciences | Social sciences | Psychology | Engineering |
| Total recent doctoral recipients holding a career path job (number)..... | 73,200 | 2,600 | 18,400 | 2,900 | 13,900 | 7,600 | 9,500 | 15,400 |
| Most important job search resource: | Percent | | | | | | | |
| Faculty or advisor..... | 23 | 18 | 29 | S | 24 | 25 | 12 | 25 |
| Informal channels through colleagues or friends..... | 26 | 27 | 22 | S | 21 | 23 | 34 | 29 |
| Professional meetings and/or journals..... | 23 | 28 | 24 | S | 26 | 30 | 20 | 15 |
| Other resource ¹ | 28 | 27 | 25 | S | 30 | 22 | 34 | 32 |
| Length of time between completion of first doctoral degree and first career path job: | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month ² | 54 | 55 | 58 | 48 | 56 | 48 | 45 | 56 |
| 1-6 months..... | 26 | 33 | 24 | S | 19 | 32 | 31 | 27 |
| 7-12 months..... | 8 | S | 6 | S | 8 | S | S | 7 |
| More than 12 months..... | 12 | S | 11 | S | 17 | S | 14 | 10 |

¹ 'Other resource' includes professional recruiter, college/department placement office, electronic postings, newspapers, direct contact with company, and other.

² Includes those who already held a career path job before completion of doctoral degree.

KEY: S = Suppressed due to too few cases (fewer than 1,000 weighted cases).

NOTES: 'Recent doctoral recipients' are those who reported having received their doctorate between June of 1990 and 1996. Numbers are rounded to nearest hundred. Percents are rounded to the whole number. Details may not add to totals because of rounding. Survey of Doctorate Recipients includes persons who had earned a research doctorate from an U.S. institution and resided in U.S. as of April 1997.

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